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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA EVACUEES

1. SEPTEMBER 10 RADIO NEWS AND GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO DAVID OTTAWAY STORY FROM PORT LOUIS AND STATEMENT BY SENATOR KENNEDY'S OFFICE ON UNHAPPY FATE OF COPRA WORKERS REMOVED FROM DIEGO GARCIA TO MAKE WAY FOR U.S. NAVAL FACILITY THERE. STORY APPEARS TO BE BASED ON SEPTEMBER 9 WASHINGTON POST STORY.

2. GUARDIAN STORY IS SPECTACULAR 6 COLUMN FRONT-PAGE SPREAD. IT QUOTES LARGE PORTIONS OF OTTAWAY STORY AND ADDS LOCAL COLOR WITH QUOTE FROM TAM DALYELL, LABOR PARTY MP AND CONSISTENT CRITIC OF DIEGO GARCIA. TEXT BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES. MAIN POINT OF ARTICLE IS THAT AMERICAN AND BRITISH CLAIM THATIOT IS UNINHABITED IS FALSE.

3. RADIO COVERAGE QUOTES WASHINGTON POST AND SENATOR UNCLASSIFIED

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KENNEDY AND SAYS FCO IS MAKING NO COMMENT.

4. DAILY TELEGRAPH CARRIES SHORT ITEM ON PAGE ONE  
QUOTING POST BUT NO OTHER NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS SEPTEMBER  
10 MENTION DIEGO GARCIA.

5. FCO IS TAKING STORY CALMLY. THEY HAVE NOT YET  
DEVELOPED PRESS LINE FOR SEPTEMBER 10 NOON BRIEFING. WE  
WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS SEPTEL.

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